

BOUNTIFUL CITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes of:

Thursday, August 09, 2012

Location: Bountiful City Hall, 790 South 100 East, Bountiful, Utah

Officials Present: Mayor – Joe Johnson; Council Members – Richard Higginson, Beth Holbrook, John Marc Knight, Tom Tolman; City Manager/Attorney – Russell Mahan; Planning Director – Aric Jensen; City Engineer – Paul Rowland; Administrative Services Director – Galen Rasmussen

Others Present: Antone Clark, Ronald Mortensen, Dennis Forbush, Scott Holtry, Julie Anderson, Rebecca Palmer.

Minutes: Aric Jensen

Welcome

Mayor Joe Johnson opened the meeting at 2:06 pm and welcomed those in attendance. Paul Rowland gave a brief overview of the architect selection process.

Agenda Items

1. Architect Presentations

2:11 PM – VCBO Architects: Brent Tippets, Celestia Carson, and Whitney Ward were present and addressed the Council. After the presentation, Mayor Johnson, Councilman Higginson, and Paul Rowland asked questions of the presenters.

3:05 PM – PGA&W Architects: Bill Gould, Jesse Bell, David Drummond, Scott Jenkins, Ray Moore, Chris Hopheins, Lamar Lisman, and Dan Gould were present and addressed the Council. After the presentation, Councilman Higginson and Paul Rowland asked questions of the presenters.

4:12 PM – MHTN and Associates: Greg Allen, Josh Vel, Sarah Miller, and Greg Beecher were present and addressed the Council. After a brief presentation, Greg Allen invited the Council and others present to participate in a building design activity. Following the charrette, Paul Rowland posed a question of the presenters.

2. Closed Session to Discuss Competency of Individuals

At 4:52 PM, Councilman Higginson made a motion to move to close session to discuss the competency of individuals, under Utah Code Section 52-4-205(1)(a). Councilmember Holbrook seconded the motion, which passed 4-0 with Council members Higginson, Holbrook, Knight, and Tolman voting AYE.

The Council moved to the Planning Conference Room for the closed session. It was attended by the Mayor and Council members, Russell Mahan, Paul Rowland, Aric Jensen and Dennis Forbush.

3. Selection of Architect

Following the closed session, at 5:05 PM the conference room doors were opened and the public invited to enter. Councilmember Higginson made a motion to reconvene the general meeting. Councilmember Holbrook seconded the motion, which passed 4-0 with Higginson, Holbrook, Knight, and Tolman voting AYE.

Mayor Johnson stated that the Council in closed session discussion the professional competency of the applicants, and that all were found to be very competent to do the job. He opened the floor for discussion on which architectural firm to select. Councilman Higginson stated that VCBO was very professional, while MHTN had a “roll up your sleeves” and “get to work” approach.

Councilman Tolman commented that two of the candidates seemed very professional, while the other was more “homespun”.

Councilmember Holbrook said that VCBO was the most thorough, and that the other two seemed less so. She also commented that it was a difficult choice because all three firms took different approaches.

Mayor Johnson commented that MHTN didn’t provide enough information about themselves before beginning the building design activity.

Councilman Higginson stated that Bill Gould was very involved in the construction of the fire station on 100 West.

Mayor Johnson stated that VCBO did an excellent job on the recreation center.

Dennis Forbush was asked who he would prefer to work with. He stated that from experience, he had an excellent working relationship with Celestia Carson, senior associate with VCBO.

City Engineer Paul Rowland commented that the three presentations each reflected the personalities of the applicants.

Councilmember Holbrook made a motion to award the City Hall architect contract to VCBO; the motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Higginson made a motion to award the City Hall architect contract to PGA&W. Councilmember Tolman seconded the motion, and voting was 3-1 in favor, with Higginson, Tolman, and Holbrook voting AYE, and Knight voting NAY.

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Adjourn

Mayor Johnson brought the meeting to a close. Councilmember Tolman made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Councilmember Holbrook. Voting was 4-0 in favor with Higginson, Holbrook, Knight, and Tolman voting AYE. The meeting concluded at 5:19 PM.